(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to enact any effective law in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):(a) and (b) No, Sir. The offences of atrocities registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 as reported by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have declined from 30,022 cases in the year 2001 to 22,603 in the year 2003.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Economic and social level of Primitive Tribal Groups

†2839. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the economic and social level of "Primitive Tribal Groups" which are more backward than the other tribals in general;

(b) the amount spent during the last two years for improvement of the lifestyle/level of such tribals;

(c) whether any practical investigation has been conducted to ascertain the extent of improvement in their living standard; and

(d) the ongoing projects for the improvement of their living standard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The Primitive Tribal Groups are covered under all programmes implemented by this Ministry for welfare and development of scheduled tribes. In addition, the Ministry has been running an exclusive scheme namely 'Development of Primitive Tribals Groups' since 1998-99 for improvement of social and economic level of these tribal groups. The scheme involves funding for infrastructure development, income generating programmes, insurance under 'Janshree Bima Yojana', support to self help

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groups, agricultural development, health-care programmes and educational development, etc. The Ministry has released Rs. 1602.994 lakhs during 2003-04 and Rs. 2116.24 lakh during 2004-05 under the scheme. During 2002-03, the Ministry has also funded twelve States for undertaking Base Line Survey to assess the demographic profile and socio-economic status of the Primitive Tribal Groups.

(d) During the year 2005-06, the Ministry has released Rs. 2059.744 lakhs to the States and NGOs for infrastructure development, income generating programmes, insurance under 'Janshree Bima Yojana', support to self help groups, agricultural development, health-care programmes and educational development, etc.

2840. [Cancelled]

Amount provided for economic and social development of aboriginal tribes

†2841. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the aboriginal in Chhattisgarh for whose economic and social development Government have provided funds during the last three years alongwith the amount spent out of it;

(b) the concept being adopted for development of each of these tribes;

(c) when the implementation of these schemes was examined and details of the facts found thereby;

(d) details of the aboriginal tribal families excluding the people who are employees which have come above the poverty line during the last five years; and

(e) name-wise and caste-wise details of these persons?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Scheduled Tribes are notified under Article 342 of the Constitution of India. There is no category notified as Aboriginal Tribes.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

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